



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 450	Assembly Amendment 1
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Under current law, at least 24 hours before an abortion is to be performed or induced, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion, a qualified person assisting the physician or another qualified physician must, in person, orally inform the woman of her legal right to: (1) continue her pregnancy and keep the child; (2) place the child in a foster home for six months or petition a court for placement of the child in a foster home, group home or with a relative; or (3) place the child for adoption. The physician or other qualified person is also required to give the woman printed materials published and distributed by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) that contain this information.

Under **2001 Assembly Bill 450**, a physician must also inform a woman seeking an abortion of current law permitting a parent to relinquish custody of a child who is 72 hours old or younger anonymously and without risk of criminal prosecution or civil liability for child abandonment. In addition, DHFS must modify the printed materials that a woman seeking an abortion must receive to include information on current law permitting relinquishment of custody of a newborn child.

Under the bill, the updated printed materials must be published and distributed by no later than 60 days after the effective date of the bill. The provisions of the bill first apply to abortions performed or induced on the 61st day after the effective date of the bill.

Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill requires that DHFS publish and distribute the updated printed materials by April 1, 2002, or 60 days after the effective date of the bill, whichever is later. In addition, the amendment modifies the bill so that it first applies to abortions performed or induced on the 31st day after the effective date of the bill.

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